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In re the application of:

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Schroder et al

Technology Center 2100

Serial No. 09/316,905   Art Unit: 2152

Filed: May 21, 1999   Examiner: Willett, S. F.

For: IN METHODS OF INTERCONNECTED ROUTER NODES FOR ROUTING
     DATA TRAFFIC, A METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR IMPERCEPTIBLY
     UPGRADING ROUTER NODE SOFTWARE AND THE LIKE WITHOUT
     TRAFFIC INTERRUPTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Replying to the Office communication of July 17, 2002, please accept the attached

formal drawings incorporating the required PTO 948 corrections noted in connection with the

informal drawings submitted with the application filing.

All of the claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as the "obvious"

incorporation in the patent to Holte-Rost et al (6,101,327) of the multiple router suggestions

of the RFC 1269-IAB standard router.

The Office, however, has conceded that the patent to Holte-Rost et al contains nothing

"explicitly teaching updating in multiple routers" as effected by applicants and as required by

each of claims 1-22.

Applicants agree--but would further point out that, in accordance with applicants'

invention and claims, much more than just "updating in multiple routers" is involved, and,

indeed, must be done to solve applicants' problem that is not even hinted at, let alone

disclosed, in the reference patent. Specifically, applicants' upgrading improvement resides in

such an accomplishment in multiple router systems not used or even necessary in the patent

systems, with a